THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO.12342 OF 2005

Dated: 6th October, 2005.

Between

P. Rajagopal Rao S/o. Bheem Rao … Petitioner

And

1. The Addl. Director General of Police,
   Intelligence Department, A.P., Hyderabad
   And two others. … Respondents

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ORDER :

Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the order passed by the 1st respondent – The Additional Director General of Police, Intelligence Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad dated 3-6-2005 whereunder the 2nd respondent was directed to provide security to the petitioner on payment basis as arbitrary and illegal.

The learned Counsel for the petitioner vehemently contended that since the Department itself has notified the threat to the life of the petitioner and they themselves issued caution notice, the respondents ought not to have imposed condition of payment. The learned Counsel also submits that as a matter of fact number of similarly situated persons in Adilabad District have been provided the protection without costs.

In the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the names of some of the persons who were said to have been provided security without payment of costs have also been mentioned.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and particularly keeping in view the plea of the petitioner that some of the similarly situated persons whose life is alleged to be under threat have already been provided security without payment of costs, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition granting liberty to the petitioner to approach the Government with a request to provide security on par with other similarly situated persons.

In the circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the Writ Petition is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to make an appropriate representation before the Government with regard to his grievance. If any such representation is made, the same shall be considered and appropriate orders shall be passed in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of such representation from the petitioner.

6th October, 2005.

Note:- CC by tomorrow.

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